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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 16 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierrra Leone

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	207th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1

Adoption of the agenda, organization of work and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Netherlands (A/55/234)

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/55/235)

(c) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/55/236)

(continued overleaf)

10 a.m. 34th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/366) [7]

2. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/379) [16 (a)]

3. Election of seventeen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (b)]

4. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/424) [17 (b)]

5. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/55/L.3) [36]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83] (A/55/20, A/55/153)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Morning*- 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94] (A/55/218)

   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade (A/55/89-E/2000/80, A/55/209)

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/55/188)

   (c) Cultural Development (A/55/339)

   (d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/55/314)

   (e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlement (Habitat II) (A/55/83-E/2000/62 and A/55/121)

   Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [107]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.12, L.14 and L.15

2. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [111] (A/55/202 and A/55/268)

   Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Procurement reform (A/55/127, A/54/458, A/54/866 and A/55/458)

Outsourcing practices (A/55/301 and A/55/479)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430, A/54/849 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [154]

Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations [165]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNIFIL
2. Mini executive sesion on UNMIK

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Monday, 16 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held on Monday, 16 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 16 October 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on agenda item 112 (Elimination of racism an racial discrimination))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 34 (a) and (b)(Oceans and the law of the sea))

1.15 p.m.- 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environment (agenda items 94 (e) and 95 (a)))

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 63 (Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be meetings of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament on Monday, 16 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3. p.m. to 6. p.m. in Conference Room B.

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An Expert Group Meeting on Policy Responses to Population Ageing and Population Decline will meet from Monday, 16 to Wednesday, 18 October 2000 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting is organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. A panel discussion will take place on Monday, 16 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Paterson (New Zealand), will hold informal consultations on a text of the Chairperson's draft resolution under agenda item 108 on Monday, 16 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

3 p.m.	35th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council [11] (A/55/2)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, will address the Fifth Committee on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, on the financial situation of the United Nations under agenda item 119 (Improving the financial situation of the United Nations).

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed substantive session for 2000 of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on all outstanding issues for the resumed substantive session of the Council on 18 October 2000 will be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Dialogue Among Civilizations of the Organization of the Islamic Conference *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-aligned Movement on Thursday, 19 October 2000, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1. p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefings

A briefing on the regional consultations on financing for development will be held by the Executive Secretaries of the five regional commissions (ECE, ESCAP, ECLAC, ECA and ESCWA) for the Bureau and all members of the Preparatory Committee of the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development. The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, at 2.45 p.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

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There will be a briefing for the members of the Group of 77 and China by the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Per Rydan. Mr. T. Shibata, Assistant President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Department of Economic Policy and Resource Strategy, will also participate. The briefing will be take place on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Mandate and Mainstreaming of the Work of the Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs" on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 13 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4207th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Fourth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2000/888)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/979, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2000/979).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the United Kingdom, Argentina, the Netherlands, France and the United States.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/979) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and was adopted as resolution 1323 (2000).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 13th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Uganda, Togo, the Sudan, Ghana, Pakistan, Cameroon, Uzbekistan, Eritrea, Israel, Haiti and Morocco.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

14th meeting

General debate

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Israel.

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

The Committee began its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

THIRD COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mozambique, Ghana, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Andorra, Venezuela, Kenya, Australia, Pakistan, Cuba, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Indonesia and El Salvador.

A statement was made by the observer for Switzerland.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

23rd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 110 and heard statements by the representatives of Nepal, Jamaica, Afghanistan, Mali, The former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia, Guatemala, Canada, Bhutan, the Niger and Togo.

The representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made a statement.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Organization of Islamic Conference.

The Director, Division of Evaluation, Policy and Planning of the United Nations Children's Fund made some concluding remarks.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that the draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.3/55/L.12, L.14 and L.15, under item 107 would be introduced on Monday, 16 October, and action would be taken on them on Thursday, 19 October.

The Committee was further informed that the discussion of agenda items 112 and 113 would be continued also on Thursday, 19 October, if it should be necessary to accommodate additional speakers. The discussion would conclude on Friday, 20 October.

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that, also on Thursday, 19 October, it would take up agenda item 118 to hear comments on the medium-term plan. Delegations were also invited to submit written comments on the plan for onward transmission to the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations [163] (A/55/33)

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Uganda, Nigeria, Croatia, Cameroon, Haiti, Qatar, the Syrian Arab Republic, Morocco, Japan, Sierra Leone, the United States, Ukraine, Tunisia, the Sudan and Pakistan.

The Chairman of the Special Committee made a concluding statement.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee also spoke.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion on the agenda item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to the Agreement establishing the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development. Islamabad, 21 July 1999

Acceptance: Bhutan (12 October 2000)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Cuba (13 October 2000)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Cuba (13 October 2000)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations documentary

The premiere of the United Nations documentary on small arms "Armed to the Teeth" will take place on Monday, 16 October 2000, at 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Opening remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The event is co-sponsored by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, and the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Kensaku Hogen. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day for the Eradication of poverty

There will be a commemorative programme marking the International Day for the Eradication of poverty, organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World (NGO), on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, in the garden from 12.15 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Special event

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the Department for Disarmament Affairs will jointly host a discussion on "Disarmament as Humanitarian Action" on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of UNIDIR on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The discussants will be Mr. Soren Jessen-Petersen, Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees; Mr. Martin Griffiths, Director, Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue; and Ms. Randall Forsberg, Director, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to participate in the discussion. For further information, please call (212) 963-9624.

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World March of Women 2000

To mark one part of the World March of Women 2000 and in commemoration of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty, a panel discussion, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, will be held on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The Deputy Secretary-General will address the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call (212) 963-3137.

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World Food Day 2000

An observance of World Food Day 2000, under the theme "A Millenium-Free From Hunger" will take place on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, who will deliver the keynote address, as well as by the Secretary-General, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations Funds and Programmes, the specialized agencies and non governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Award ceremony

The Fourth Annual Race Against Poverty Awards ceremony, under the theme "Breaking the silence on HIV/AIDS", will take place on Monday, 23 October 2000, at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Mr. Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Secretary-General will award four activists for their action against HIV/AIDS. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Zakaria Fellah (tel.: (212) 906-5382).

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Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Lesotho
H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela

Asian States:
Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury

Eastern European States:
Slovakia
H.E. Mr. Peter Tomka

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Belize
H.E. Mr. Stuart Leslie

Western European and other States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Umit Pamir

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

3 p.m. 35th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: third report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.2) [8]

2. Report of the Security Council (A/55/2) [11]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83] (A/55/20, A/55/153)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Afternoon*- 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 2

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [98] (A/55/84-E/2000/16)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [111] (A/55/202 and A/55/268)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [119]

   Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management on the current financial situation of the United Nations

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

   Procurement reform (A/55/127, A/54/458, A/54/866 and A/55/458)

   Outsourcing practices (A/55/301 and A/55/479)

   Conclusion of general discussion

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on results-based budgeting
2. Executive session on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the administration of justice
3. Executive session on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization
4. Draft report

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) on all outstanding issues for the resumed substantive session of the Council on 18 October

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 17 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 17 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda items 34 (a) and (b)(Oceans and the law of the sea))

10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS
(at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room C-209B

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES
(on agenda item 94 (d) (High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership))

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on INSTRAW)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on agenda item 12 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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There will be meetings of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 17 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6. p.m. in Conference Room B.

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An Expert Group Meeting on Policy Responses to Population Ageing and Population Decline will continue *today* and *tomorrow*, 17 and 18 October 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting is organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefing

A briefing on the regional consultations on financing for development will be held by the Executive Secretaries of the five regional commissions (ECE, ESCAP, ECLAC, ECA and ESCWA) for the Bureau and all members of the Preparatory Committee of the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development. The briefing will take place *today*, 17 October 2000, at 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Paterson (New Zealand), will hold informal consultations on a text of the Chairperson's draft resolution under agenda item 108 *today*, 17 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 12 noon	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), beginning on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, as follows:

On Tuesday, 24 October, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions);

On Wednesday, 25 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance); Mr. Arjun K. Sengupta (Independent expert on the right to development); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq);

On Thursday, 26 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi);

On Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ (Third Committee) on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-aligned Movement on Thursday, 19 October 2000, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1. p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefings

There will be a briefing for the members of the Group of 77 and China by the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Per Rydan. Mr. T. Shibata, Assistant President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Department of Economic Policy and Resource Strategy, will also participate. The briefing will be take place on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues. : climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

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Panel discussion

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Mandate and Mainstreaming of the Work of the Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs" on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 16 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

34th plenary meeting

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/366) [7]

The General Assembly took note of document A/55/366.

Election to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/379) [16 (a)]

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the African States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, the Bahamas, Botswana, France, Mexico, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America were declared elected members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 16.

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seventeen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (b)]

Since the number of candidates from among the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were declared elected members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term of office beginning on 25 June 2001.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 16.

Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/424) [17(b)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/55/424), appointed Mr. Wu Gang (China) a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 16 October 2000 and ending on 31 December 2002.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 17.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that, at the request of the parties concerned, consideration of agenda item 36 (Bethlehem 2000), originally scheduled for Monday, 16 October 2000, was postponed to a future date.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

4th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Netherlands (A/55/234)

The representative of the Netherlands, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons" (A/55/234).

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Brazil, at his request, to take his place at the Committee's table.

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several countries (A/55/235)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that an additional agenda item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit" (A/55/235) should also be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(c) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several countries (A/55/236)

The representative of the Republic of Korea, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Peace, security and reunification of the Korean peninsula" (A/55/236).

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, also made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Peace, security and reunification of the Korean peninsula" (A/55/236).

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Singapore made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should also be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The representative of Poland made a statement (on behalf of Poland and Canada).

The representative of Poland introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.18.

The representative of the Republic of Korea made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.18.

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.7.

The representative of China made a statement in relation to draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.1.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE 12th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83]

The Chairman made statement.

The representative of Chile, Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, introduced the two reports of that Committee contained in documents A/55/20 and A/55/153.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, and the associated countries of Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA and EEA country member, Norway), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and China.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94]

(a) *Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade*

(b) *Integration of the economies in transition*

(c) *Cultural Development*

(d) *High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

(e) *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlement (Habitat II)*

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item.

General debate

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Lithuania, the Republic of Moldova (on behalf of Georgia, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova), Kenya, Ukraine, Peru, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Turkey and Canada.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 94 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) was Tuesday, 17 October, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Advancement of women [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.12

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, Slovenia, Sweden, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Viet Nam, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.14

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Costa Rica, Fiji, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Slovenia and Spain, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.15

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama and Slovenia, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [111]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries), New Zealand, the Russian Federation, Australia and Mexico.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 111 was Tuesday, 17 October, at 6 p.m.

The Committee was reminded that on Wednesday, 18 October, it would begin its consideration of items 112 and 113 and have the occasion to enter into a dialogue with the Special Rapporteurs and the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Committee was also reminded that on Thursday, 19 October, in the afternoon, it would take up agenda item 118 to hear comments on the medium-term plan. Delegations were also invited to submit to the Secretary written comments on the plan for onward transmission to the Fifth Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement reform and outsourcing practices

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the reports of that Committee (A/55/479 and A/55/458).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/127, A/54/458, A/54/866 and A/55/301).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), the Syrian Arab Republic, South Africa, Cuba and Uruguay.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, South Africa, France, Canada, Cameroon and Algeria.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [154]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and China.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 154.

Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations [165]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France, Mali, Sierra Leone, India, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic and Guatemala.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 165.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Organization [163]

The delegation of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2000

1868th meeting

The seventieth session of the Committee was opened by the Chairperson, Mrs. Cecilia Medina Quiroga (Chile).

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted the draft programme of work and the provisional agenda (CCPR/C/142) and the agenda of the informal meeting with States parties.

Organizational and other mattes [2]

(a) *Reports of the Chairperson/Rapporteur of the pre-sessional Working Group*

The Committee considered the item.

1869th meeting

Working methods [2 (b)]

The Committee considered its working methods and its rules of procedure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of poverty

There will be a commemorative programme marking the International Day for the Eradication of poverty, organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World (NGO), *today*, 17 October 2000, in the United Nations gardens, from 12.15 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Special even‘

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the Department for Disarmament Affairs will jointly host a discussion on "Disarmament as Humanitarian Action" on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of UNIDIR *today*, 17 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The discussants will be Mr. Soren Jessen-Petersen, Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees; Mr. Martin Griffiths, Director, Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue; and Ms. Randall Forsberg, Director, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to participate in the discussion. For further information, please call (212) 963-9624.

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World March of Women 2000

To mark one part of the World March of Women 2000 and in commemoration of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty, a panel discussion, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, will be held *today*, 17 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The Deputy Secretary-General will address the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call (212) 963-3137.

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World Food Day 2000

An observance of World Food Day 2000, under the theme "A Millenium Free From Hunger" will take place on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, who will deliver the keynote address, as well as by the Secretary-General, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations Funds and Programmes, the specialized agencies and non governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Award ceremony

The Fourth Annual Race Against Poverty Awards ceremony, under the theme "Breaking the silence on HIV/AIDS", will take place on Monday, 23 October 2000, at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Mr. Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Secretary-General will award four activists for their action against HIV/AIDS. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Zakaria Fellah (tel.: (212) 906-5382).

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Special event

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will host an Open House and Information Fair for delegates and staff of the permanent missions and the Secretariat on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, United Nations Day 2000, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will be demonstrations of the Library's newest product, UNBISnet, an Internet accessible database containing the index to all United Nations documentation issued since 1979. In addition, there will be demonstrations of other electronic resources, such as UN-I-QUE, Lexis-Nexis, the EIU databases, Oxford Analytica, NewsEdge.

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Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA
SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Croatia (S/2000/976)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

3.30 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	36th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/55/2) [11]

Tenth emergency special session

3 p.m.	13th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [5]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

10 a.m. 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 12 noon	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: Science and technology for development [92 (d)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3

2. Environment and sustainable development [95] (A/55/95, A/55/99-E/2000/86 and A/55/357)

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implemenation of Agenda 21 (A/55/25, A/55/78-E/2000/56, A/55/94, A/55/120, and A/55/447)

   Introduction and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112] (A/55/18* (Suppl. No. 18) and Add.1*, A/55/203, A/55/266, A/55/285, A/55/304, A/55/307, A/55/459)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [113] (A/55/176 and Add.1, A/55/334)

   Introductory statements, dialogue with special rapporteurs and senior Secretariat officials and general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform and Outsourcing practices (A/55/127, A/54/866, A/55/458, A/55/301 and A/55/479))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [162] (PCNICC/2000/L.3/Rev.1, PCNICC/2000/INF/3, Add.1 and 2)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [156] (A/55/164, Add.1 and 2)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the administration of justice

2. Executive session on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization

3. Draft report

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 46th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/2000/65, E/2000/L.34)

2. Economic and environmental questions [13]

   (a) Sustainable development (E/2000/29, Suppl. No.9, E/2000/80-A/55/89, E/2000/L.32, E/2000/L.33)

3. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 42/12B [8] (E/2000/67, E/2000/85 and E/2000/79)

4. Non-governmental organizations [12] (E/2000/88 (Part I) and Add.1 and E/2000/88 (Part II) and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2 and E/2000/110, E/2000/111, E/2000/L.35, E/2000/L.36 and E/2000/L.37)

5. Elections (Postponed vacancies)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 18 October 2000

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on agenda item 112 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on human settlements; desertification; El Niño; complementary of conventions; Rio + 10 review)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

Afternoon*	closed meeting	Room to be announced

* Following the adjournment of the 13th plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly.

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) *today*, 18 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be meetings of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 18 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6. p.m. in Conference Room B.

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The Expert Group Meeting on Policy Responses to Population Ageing and Population Decline will continue *today*, 18 October 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting is organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the African Group (First Committee experts) *today*, 18 October 2000, immediately following the 17th meeting of the First Committee, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 4, to discuss the venue for the 2001 United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from *today*, 18 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Paterson (New Zealand), will hold informal consultations on a text of the Chairperson's draft resolution under agenda item 108 *today*, 18 October 2000, from 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum *today*, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for the members of the Group of 77 and China by the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Per Rydan. Mr. T. Shibata, Assistant President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Department of Economic Policy and Resource Strategy, will also participate. The briefing will be take place *today*, 18 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 19 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 37th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [31]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/300 and Add.1 and 2)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.9)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (cloed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), beginning on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, as follows:

On Tuesday, 24 October, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions);

On Wednesday, 25 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance); Mr. Arjun K. Sengupta (Independent expert on the right to development); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq);

On Thursday, 26 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi);

On Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran), and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects will hold an informal inter-sessional meeting on Friday, 20 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to continue the consideration of the issues before the Preparatory Committee.

All States, as well as specialized agencies, other relevant intergovernmental organisations and relevant entities, having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and in the work of the General Assembly are invited to participate in the above meeting.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

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ECCONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, H.E. Mr. David Stuart (Australia), will hold a briefing on the outcome of the second meeting of the Bureau of the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (Cesky Krumlov, 6-7 October 2000), on Thursday, 19 October, after the adjournment of the afternoon meeting of the Second Committee in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-aligned Movement on Thursday, 19 October 2000, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on human settlements; desertification; El Niño; complementarity of conventions; Rio + 10 review)* on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1. p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms (A/C.1/55/L.28), organized by the delegation of Japan, on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Briefings

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

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Panel discussion

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Mandate and Mainstreaming of the Work of the Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs" on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

35th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: third report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.2) [8]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons" and to consider the additional item directly in plenary meeting.

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit" and to consider the additional item directly in plenary meeting.

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula" and to consider the additional item directly in plenary meeting.

Report of the Security Council (A/55/2) [11]

The representative of Namibia, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Security Council (A/55/2).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Ukraine, India, Germany, China, Colombia, Italy, Senegal, Cuba, Brazil, Peru, Bahrain, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Japan, Costa Rica, Singapore, Australia, Mexico and France.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) would be held on Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.15

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.47.

The representative of Nepal made a comment pertaining to draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.38.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.30.

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.27.

The representative of Mongolia made a comment pertaining to draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.40.

The representative of South Africa introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.38.

The representative of Australia made a comment pertaining to draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.38.

The representative of Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR) made a comment pertaining to draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.38.

The representative of the Philippines made a comment pertaining to draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.40.

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Dhanapala, made an introductory statement on the medium-term plan (A/55/6 (Prog. 2), A/55/16 (Part 1) and A/C.1/55/CRP.3).

The representative of Mexico made a comment on the medium-term plan.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE 13th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, India, Malaysia, Israel, Colombia, Cuba, Indonesia, Japan, the United States, Slovakia, Saudi Arabia, Peru, the Syrian Arab Republic and Chile (on behalf of member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [98] (A/55/84-E/2000/16)

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia made an introductory statement

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, Bahrain, Jordan, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen and Israel.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Right of reply

The observer for Palestine made a statement in exercise of his right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 98.

THIRD COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [111]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of China, Venezuela, Ukraine, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Belize (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Guatemala.

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Labour Organisation and the World Bank.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

Other matters

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba, to which the Secretary of the Committee responded.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

A statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations was delivered by the Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services, Mr. Toshiyuki Niwa, on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Liechtenstein), Norway, Mozambique, the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Malaysia, the United States, Singapore, China, India, Japan, Cuba, Argentina, Algeria, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia) and Italy.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions raised.

The Chairman made a statement.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

Procurement reform (A/55/127, A/54/866 and A/55/458)

Outsourcing practices (A/55/301 and A/55/479)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Turkey, the United States, Mexico, India and the Philippines.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these questions would begin the following day, 18 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Michiel Crom (Netherlands).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2000
1870th and 1871st meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties undr article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee considered the third and fourth periodic reports of Trinidad and Tobago (CCPR/C/TTO/99/3).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Declaration under article 14 of the Convention: Belgium (10 October 2000)*

Declaration under article 14 of the Convention: Czech Republic (11 October 2000)*

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Declaration under articles 21 and 22 of the Convention: Cameroon (12 October 2000)*

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (25 September 2000)*

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (25 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (22 September 2000)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Accession: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (22 September 2000)*

International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries. New York, 4 December 1989

Accession: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (22 September 2000)*

Agreement concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles. Geneva, 25 June 1998

Acceptance: China (10 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Food Day 2000

An observance of World Food Day 2000, under the theme "A Millenium Free From Hunger" will take place *today*, 18 October 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately upon the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, who will deliver the keynote address, as well as by the Secretary-General, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations Funds and Programmes, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "World Space Week and the Contributions of Space to Sustainable Development". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 am. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Award ceremony

The Fourth Annual Race Against Poverty Awards ceremony, under the theme "Breaking the silence on HIV/AIDS", will take place on Monday, 23 October 2000, at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Mr. Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Secretary-General will award four activists for their action against HIV/AIDS. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Zakaria Fellah (tel.: (212) 906-5382).

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Special events

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will host an Open House and Information Fair for delegates and staff of the permanent missions and the Secretariat on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, United Nations Day 2000, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will be demonstrations of the Library's newest product, UNBISnet, an Internet accessible database containing the index to all United Nations documentation issued since 1979. In addition, there will be demonstrations of other electronic resources, such as UN-I-QUE, Lexis-Nexis, the EIU databases, Oxford Analytica, NewsEdge.

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a special event in connection with the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Major participants in this event will be human rights leaders from the United States of America, Goodwill Ambassadors for the World Conference and Mr. Saikou Diallo. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 19 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

3 p.m. closed meeting Consultation Room

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1267 (1999)
CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN

3.30 p.m. 2nd (closed) meeting* Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting.

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with women and peace and security.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 37th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Security Council (A/55/2) [11]

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Netherlands addressed to the President of the General Assembly on agenda item 181 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) (A/55/495) [8]

3. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [31]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/300 and Add.1 and 2)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.9)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 3

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83] (A/55/20, A/55/153 and A/C.4/55/L.8)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy [94 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4

3. Environment and sustainable development [95] (A/55/95, A/55/99-E/2000/86 and A/55/357)

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/55/25, A/55/78-E/2000/56, A/55/94, A/55/120 and A/55/447)

   Conclusion of the general discussion

4. Environment and sustainable development [95] (A/55/95, A/55/99-E/2000/86 and A/55/357)

   (b) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/55/211)

   (c) Water supply and sanitation (A/55/65-E/2000/19)

   (d) Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/55/185 and A/C.2/55/3)

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/55/331)

   (f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/55/91)

   - *Introduction and general discussion*

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 2

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– *Continuation of general discussion*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112] (A/55/18* (Suppl. No. 18) and Add.1*, A/55/203, A/55/266, A/55/285, A/55/304, A/55/307, A/55/459)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [113] (A/55/176 and Add.1, A/55/334)

General discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [107]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.12, L.14 and L.15

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112] (A/55/18* (Suppl. No. 18) and Add.1*, A/55/203, A/55/266, A/55/285, A/55/304, A/55/307, A/55/459)

3. Right of peoples to self-determination [113] (A/55/176 and Add.1, A/55/334)

Continuation of general discussion

4. Programme planning [118] (A/55/6, A/55/16 and A/C.3/55/6)

Consideration of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform and Outsourcing practices (A/55/127, A/54/866, A/55/458, A/55/301 and A/55/479))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [162] (PCNICC/2000/L.3/Rev.1, PCNICC/2000/INF/3, Add.1 and 2)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held *today*, 19 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Briefing

The Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, H.E. Mr. David Stuart (Australia), will hold a briefing on the outcome of the second meeting of the Bureau of the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (Cesky Krumlov, 6-7 October 2000), *today*, 19 October, after the adjournment of the afternoon meeting of the Second Committee in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 19 October 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on culture and development)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the outcome of the World Summit for Development)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on human settlements, desertification, El Niño, complementary of conventions, Rio+10 review)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from *today*, 19 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place *today*, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms (A/C.1/55/L.28), organized by the delegation of Japan, *today*, 19 October 2000, *from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.* in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Paterson (New Zealand), will hold informal consultations on a text of the Chairperson's draft resolution under agenda item 108 *today*, 19 October 2000, in the afternoon, immediately following action by the Third Committee on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.12, L.14 and L.15, in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 20 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	38th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: draft resolution (A/55/L.8) [170]

Tenth emergency special session

3 p.m.	14th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [5]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing on globalization and appropriate governance under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Wednesday, 25 October 2000 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The briefing will be given by Professor J. Bhagwati of Columbia University. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations and press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), beginning on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, as follows:

On Tuesday, 24 October, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions);

On Wednesday, 25 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance); Mr. Arjun K. Sengupta (Independent expert on the right to development); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq);

On Thursday, 26 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi);

On Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects will hold an informal inter-sessional meeting on Friday, 20 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to continue the consideration of the issues before the Preparatory Committee.

All States, as well as specialized agencies, other relevant intergovernmental organisations and relevant entities, having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and in the work of the General Assembly are invited to participate in the above meeting.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G, tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet from 23 October to 22 November 2000 in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1. p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Symposium

There will be a symposium on "Strategies for Youth Participation", organized by the Permanent Mission of India, on Friday, 20 October 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the role of the United Nations in promotir .ew global human order (agenda item 174), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana, will take place on Friday, 20 October 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Panel discussion

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Mandate and Mainstreaming of the Work of the Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs" on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

363rd plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/55/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cyprus, the United Kingdom, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Angola, Canada, New Zealand and Tajikistan, by H.E. the Honourable Dubem Onyia, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, and by the representatives of Bangladesh, Tunisia, Pakistan, the Sudan, Malta and South Africa.

Tenth special emergency session

13th plenary meeting

Resumption of the tenth emergency special session

The President of the General Assembly declared resumed the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution ES-10/6 of 9 February 1999.

The President drew the attention of delegations to documents A/ES-10/36 and A/ES-10/37.

The President informed members that, in accordance with rule 63 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly, the President and the Vice-Presidents of the fifty-fifth session would serve in the same capacity at the resumed tenth emergency session.

On the proposal of the President, the General Assembly decided that the Credential Committee at the resumed tenth emergency special session would consist of the same members as those appointed at the fifty-fifth session.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/ES-10/38 and Add.1) [122]

The General Assembly took note of a letter by the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/38) concerning 16 Member States that were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the term of Article 19 of the Charter.

The General Assembly also took note that Haiti had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [5]

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Senegal (Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People) and South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).

The observer of Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The representative of Gabon made a statement pertaining to agenda items 73 (k) and 74 (a).

The representative of Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.43.

The representative of Poland made a statement pertaining to agenda item 73 (o) and the Conference on Disarmament.

The representative of Mali introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.11.

The representative of the Niger made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.11 as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.31.

The representative of Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR) made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.18.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/55/L.9 and A/C.1/55/L.10.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.26 and made a statement pertaining to the report of the Disarmament Commission.

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.39.

The representative of Australia made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.39.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.8.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.2.

The representative of China made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.2.

The representative of Belarus made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.2.

The representative of Sri Lanka made a statement pertaining to agenda item 73 (s).

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.35.

The representative of Iraq made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.2.

SECOND COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology for development [92 (d)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Norway, Cuba, Bangladesh, Indonesia (on behalf of the ASEAN countries) and Mongolia.

THIRD COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard introductory statements by the Executive Coordinator for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, the Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination and the Special Rapporteur on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the presenters, in which the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, France, Cuba, Iraq, Angola, Austria, Namibia and Kuwait took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ecuador, Norway, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Senegal (also on behalf of Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, the Niger, Mauritania, Ghana and Nigeria), Pakistan and Kuwait.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that the length of statements under agenda item 114, scheduled for the following week would be as follows: sub-item (a): 7 minutes for individual delegations and 15 minutes for groups of delegations; sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e): 7 minutes for individual delegations on one sub-item; 10 minutes for individual delegations on two sub-items; and 15 minutes for individual delegations on all four sub-items.The time limit for groups of delegations would be a maximum of 30 minutes.

The Chairperson also made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work for Thursday, 19 October.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [162]

The Legal Counsel made a statement.

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court also made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Lesotho (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), China, the United States, Sierra Leone, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, South Africa and Norway.

10th meeting

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [156]

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Turkey, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine and Yemen.

The Committee concluded its debate on item 156.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee also spoke.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

46th meeting

Note: The summary of the 46th meeting of the Economic and Social Council will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/204).

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2000

1872nd and 1873rd (closed) meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Accession: Bolivia (16 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Bulgaria (13 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "World Space Week and the Contributions of Space to Sustainable Development". The briefing will be held *today*, 19 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 am. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 19 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Award ceremony

The Fourth Annual Race Against Poverty Awards ceremony, under the theme "Breaking the silence on HIV/AIDS", will take place on Monday, 23 October 2000, at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Mr. Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Secretary-General will award four activists for their action against HIV/AIDS. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Zakaria Fellah (tel. (212) 906-5382).

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Special events

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will host an Open House and Information Fair for delegates and staff of the permanent missions and the Secretariat on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, United Nations Day 2000, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will be demonstrations of the Library's newest product, UNBISnet, an Internet accessible database containing the index to all United Nations documentation issued since 1979. In addition, there will be demonstrations of other electronic resources, such as UN-I-QUE, Lexis-Nexis, the EIU databases, Oxford Analytica, NewsEdge.

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a special event in connection with the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Major participants in this event will be human rights leaders from the United States of America, Goodwill Ambassadors for the World Conference and Mr. Saïkou Diallo. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA
SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 20 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 38th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: draft resolution (A/55/L.8) [170]

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons [181]

Tenth emergency special session

5 p.m. 14th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory: draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.6) [5]

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with women and peace and security.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 19th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

3 p.m.-4 p.m. — 20th meeting* — Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

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* The meeting will be followed by the informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 19th meeting — Conference Room 2

3 p.m. — 20th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [94 (d)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8

2. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [98]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7

3. Environment and sustainable development [95]]

   (b) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/55/211)

   (c) Water supply and sanitation (A/55/65-E/2000/19)

   (d) Further Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/55/185 and A/C.2/55/3)

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/55/331)

   (f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/55/91)

   - *Conclusion of general discussion*

4. Programme planning [118] (A/55/6, A/55/16 and A/C.2/55/5)

   Consideration of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Afternoon*-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3 (item 92 (d))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.5 (item 94) and A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b))

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* Following the adjournment of the 20th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 29th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112] (A/55/18 (Suppl. No. 18) and Add.1, A/55/203, A/55/266, A/55/285, A/55/304, A/55/307, A/55/459, A/C.3/55/L.20)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [113] (A/55/176 and Add.1, A/55/334)

   Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 30th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.17

2. Advancement of women [107]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.14

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112] (A/55/18 (Suppl. No. 18) and Add.1, A/55/203, A/55/266, A/55/285, A/55/304, A/55/307, A/55/459, A/C.3/55/L.20)

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [113] (A/55/176 and Add.1, A/55/334)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: Letters dated 17 July and 26 September 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2 and A/C.5/55/12))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [162] (PCNICC/2000/L.3/Rev.1, PCNICC/2000/INF/3, Add.1 and 2)

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [155] (A/55/173 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3 (agenda item 163)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 20 October 2000

AFRICAN GROUP EXPERTS

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on INSTRAW)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(agenda item 94 (c) (Cultural development))

1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on human settlements, desertification, complementary of conventions, Rio+10 review)

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be meetings of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 20 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6. p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Council of European Parliamentary Assembly, organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, *today*, 20 October 2000, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from *today*, 20 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Symposium

There will be a symposium on "Strategies for Youth Participation", organized by the youth representatives at the Permanent Missions of Australia, Bangladesh, Denmark, India, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, *today*, 20 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Mr. Otunnu Olara, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflicts, will address the meeting. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order (agenda item 174), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana, will take place *today*, 20 October 2000, from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 23 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee will hold its 15th meeting on Thursday, 26 October 2000 at 3 p.m. and will begin consideration of agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 84 and the other remaining items (agenda items 85, 86 and 87) are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-0388), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing on globalization and appropriate governance under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Wednesday, 25 October 2000 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The briefing will be given by Professor J. Bhagwati of Columbia University. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations and press are invited to attend.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), beginning on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, as follows:

On Tuesday, 24 October, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions);

On Wednesday, 25 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance); Mr. Arjun K. Sengupta (Independent expert on the right to development); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq);

On Thursday, 26 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi);

On Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 30 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet from Monday, 23 October, to Wednesday, 22 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC-2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the African Group (First Committee experts) on Monday, 23 October 2000, immediately following the 21st meeting of the First Committee, in the morning. The conference room will be announced.

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There will be a meeting of Legal Advisers on Monday and Tuesday, 23 and 24 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1. p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Panel discussion

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Mandate and Mainstreaming of the Work of the Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs" on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Reducing the Impact of Environmental Emergencies Through Early Warning and Preparedness - The Case of El Niño Southern Oscillation", organized by the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the United Nations University, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Strategy for Natural Disaster Reduction and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office (tel.: (212) 963-6387) or the UNEP Office (tel.: (212) 963-8094).

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Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 October 2000

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2000

46th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

The Council approved the agenda for the meeting, as listed in the *Journal*.

Themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council

Documents E/2000/65 and E/2000/L.34

The Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), introduced draft decision E/2000/L.34, entitled "Themes for the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council".

The Council then adopted the draft decision contained in E/2000/L.34.

Dates for the fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

On the proposal of the President, the Council adopted an oral decision to hold the fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in Geneva from 21 to 25 May 2001.

Dates for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development

On the proposal of the President, the Council adopted an oral decision to hold the thirty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development on 2 to 6 April 2001.

Economic and environmental questions [13]

(a) Sustainable development

Documents E/2000/29, Suppl. No.9, and a draft circulated by the President of the Council

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) introduced on behalf of the President of the Council the draft submitted by him, on the basis of his informal consultations.

A statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure was before the Council (E/2000/L.33).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), which aligned themselves with the statement), Costa Rica, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Sudan and the Russian Federation.

The Council then adopted the draft resolution as circulated.

After the adoption of the circulated draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of: France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), which aligned themselves with the statement), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Costa Rica.

The President of the Council made a statement.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13 (a).

Implementation of General General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 42/12B

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), reported to the Council the results of the informal consultations held on documents E/2000/67, E/2000/85 and E/2000/79.

The Council deferred its consideration of the item.

Non-governmental organizations [12]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on recommendations contained in document E/2000/88 (Part I)

Draft decision I

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision II

The Vice-President, Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), informed the Council of the results of informal consultations held on the draft decision.

The Council had before it documents E/2000/L.35 and E/2000/L.36, which would replace the draft decision.

E/2000/L.35

The President informed the Council that a recorded vote had been requested on this draft decision.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, Japan and the Russian Federation.

The Council adopted the draft decision by a recorded vote of 25 to 18, with 9 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Lesotho.

E/2000/L.36

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), which aligned themselves with the statement) made a statement in which he requested a recorded vote on the draft decision.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy and Bolivia.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Sierra Leone, the Russian Federation, Cuba, China, Canada, the United States and Japan.

The Council rejected the draft decision by a recorded vote of 20 to 23, with 9 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Bolivia, Cuba, Algeria and Mexico.

Statements were also made by the representative of the Sudan, as well as by the observer for Turkey.

Draft decision III

The Council was informed that the resumed session of the Non-Governmental Committee 2000 session would take place from 15 to 26 January 2001.

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision IV

The Council adopted the draft decision.

E/2000/L.37

The Council also had before it a draft decision contained in document E/2000/L.37.

The Vice-President, Mr. M Martin Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), informed the Council of the results of informal consultations held on the draft decision.

Following statements by the representatives of Algeria, Pakistan, Cuba, Cameroon, India and Japan, the Council adopted the draft decision, as orally corrected.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and China.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Elections postponed from previous sessions [1]

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Austria was elected by acclamation for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Council further postponed the election of two members from African States, three members from Asian States and two members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

Hungary was elected by acclamation for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Council further postponed the election of four members from African States, one member from Eastern European States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

The Bahamas was elected by acclamation for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

Thursday, 19 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

37th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/55/345/Add.9) [122]

The General Assembly took note that Haiti had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Report of the Security Council (A/55/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Norway, Egypt, Indonesia, Cameroon, the Philippines, Nepal and Rwanda.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (A/55/2).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 11.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Netherlands on agenda item 181 (A/55/495) [8]

The Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 15 of the rules of procedures and decided to schedule consideration of agenda item 181 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) for Friday, 20 October 2000. The General Assembly further decided to hear the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons under agenda item 181.

Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [31]

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/300 and Add.1 and 2)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.9)*

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Belarus, Cuba, Iraq, South Africa, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier by the General Assembly at the same meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

Members were informed that action on draft resolution A/55/L.9 was postponed to a later date.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Kuwait and Iraq.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The representative of South Africa on behalf of NAM introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/55/L.20 to A/C.1/55/L.24.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.25.

The representative of Nepal introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.33.

The representative of Malaysia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.48.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.32.

The representative of Brazil on behalf of MERCOSUR made a statement pertaining to agenda item 73 (f).

The representative of Mongolia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.40.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.6.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.34.

The representative of Hungary introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.42.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.42.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 14th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine, Pakistan, Egypt, Tunisia, Ecuador, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Greece and the Republic of Korea.

The representative of Chile (on behalf of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.8.

Oral revisions to the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Cuba and Greece.

The representative of Chile made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee that action on this draft resolution would take place on Thursday, 26 October, once the programme budget implications on the item would be available and circulated no later than Monday, 23 October, in document A/C.4/55/L.9.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that as scheduled on the programme of work, the next item for consideration would be agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible,on the item, as well as on the remaining agenda items 85, 86 and 87.

The Chairman also informed delegations who wished to submit comments or suggestions to the relevant chapters of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 to kindly submit them no later than Friday, 20 October, in order to enable him to transmit them to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5

The representative of Kyrgyzstan introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Israel and Madagascar.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy [94 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. Morocco and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia subsequently joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, ad interim, of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iceland, the Russian Federation, Colombia (on behalf of Rio Group countries), Tajikistan, Pakistan, Belarus, Belize (on behalf of CARICOM countries), Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR countries), Costa Rica, Kenya, the United States, Bulgaria, China and Morocco, and by the observer for Switzerland.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

18th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, India, Nepal, Egypt, Jordan, the Republic of Korea, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Oman and Uganda.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(b) Convention on Biological Diversity

(c) Water supply and sanitation

(d) Further Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification, the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Norway, Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group countries), Guatemala and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

THIRD COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Egypt, Indonesia, Liechtenstein, Cuba, China, the Sudan, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Ethiopia, Croatia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Monaco, the Syrian Arab Republic and San Marino.

A statement was made by the observer for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

28th meeting

Advancement of women [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.12

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral corrections that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of the introduction.

The representative of the Philippines announced that Azerbaijan, Croatia, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Guatemala, Hungary, Israel, Jamaica, Latvia, the Libyan Arab Jamahariya, Malaysia, Namibia, Norway, Paraguay, Romania, Togo, the Republic of Korea and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bahamas, the Congo, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Rwanda, Swaziland, Uganda and Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.15

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral correction that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of the introduction.

The representative of Denmark announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Barbados, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Guyana, Israel, Malaysia, Paraguay, Peru and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Belarus, Burkina Faso, the Congo, Poland, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Uganda and Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Singapore, the United States and Jordan made statements.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Australia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jordan, Pakistan, Algeria and Saint Lucia.

Right of reply

The representatives of Eritrea, Ethiopia, Morocco and Algeria made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

Programme planning [118]

The Committee held a discussion on the item and heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, Bangladesh, Australia, Pakistan, China, Chile, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Mexico and Egypt.

Delegations wishing to do so were invited to submit written comments on the medium-term plan to the Secretary by 24 October for transmission to the Fifth Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion of agenda item 118.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement and reminded delegations that the Committee had agreed to take action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.14 on Friday, 20 October, at 3 p.m.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [162]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, San Marino, Kenya, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of CARICOM), Ghana, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Fiji, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cambodia and Angola.

The observers for Switzerland and the International Committee of the Red Cross also made statements.

The representatives of France and New Zealand made announcements.

12th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 162 and heard statements made by the representatives of Chile, Ecuador, Argentina, Venezuela, Nigeria, Guinea, Israel, the Philippines, Burkina Faso, the Syrian Arab Republic, Botswana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Japan.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2000

1874th meeting

General comments of the Committee [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the draft general comment on article 4.

1875th meeting

General comments of the Committee [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the draft general comment on article 4.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special gathering

The first gathering of United Nations Messengers of Peace and Goodwil Ambassadors will be held on Monday, 23 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. There will be a town-hall meeting on "The Role of Celebrity Advocacy in an Age of Cynicism", moderated by Riz Khan (CNN International). The programme will be broadcast live on in-house television and will be also webcast live on the United Nations Web site.

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Closure of the Delegates' Lounge

The Delegates' Lounge will be closed until 1.30 p.m. on Monday, 23 October 2000, due to the event that will be taking place in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Viennese Café will be open in the first basement for regular service.

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Award ceremony

The Fourth Annual Race Against Poverty Awards ceremony, under the theme "Breaking the silence on HIV/AIDS", will take place on Monday, 23 October 2000, at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Mr. Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Secretary-General will award four activists for their action against HIV/AIDS. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Zakaria Fellah (tel.: (212) 906-5382).

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Special events

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will host an Open House and Information Fair for delegates and staff of the permanent missions and the Secretariat on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, United Nations Day 2000, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will be demonstrations of the Library's newest product, UNBISnet, an Internet accessible database containing the index to all United Nations documentation issued since 1979. In addition, there will be demonstrations of other electronic resources, such as UN-I-QUE, Lexis-Nexis, the EIU databases, Oxford Analytica, NewsEdge.

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a special event in connection with the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Major participants in this event will be human rights leaders from the United States of America, Goodwill Ambassadors for the World Conference and Mr. Saikou Diallo. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA
SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 23 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993)
CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3.30 p.m. 27th (closed) meeting Conference Room 7

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "Women and peace and security".

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.9

2. Sectoral policy questions [93] (A/55/74)

(a) Industrial development cooperation (A/55/536)

(b) Business and development (A/55/405, A/55/139-E/2000/93)

Introduction and general discussion

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.7 (item 98), A/C.2/55/L.8 (item 94 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.5 (item 94)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Decade [111]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.19

2. Human rights questions [114] (A/55/3, A/55/280/Add.1 and 2, A/55/296/Add.1, A/55/133-S/2000/682, A/55/309, A/55/310, A/55/375, A/55/473, A/C.3/55/4)

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (A/55/40 (Suppl. No. 40), A/55/44 (Suppl. No. 44), A/55/178, A/55/204, A/55/205, A/55/206 and A/54/805, A/55/207, A/55/208, A/55/278, A/55/290, A/55/313, A/55/438-S/2000/931)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [153]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.6

2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.7

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Outsourcing practices (A/55/301 and A/55/479) and procurement reform (A/55/127, A/54/866 and A/55/458))

* Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Fifth Committee

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission [159] (A/55/10)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports

2. United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK)

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Paterson (New Zealand), will hold informal consultations on the text of the Chairperson's draft resolution under agenda item 108 on Monday, 23 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 23 October 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(agenda item 112 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(agenda item 94 (c) (Cultural development))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on human settlements, biological diversity, climate change, Rio + 10 review, and water)

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be meetings of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament on Monday, 23 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of the African Group (First Committee experts) on Monday, 23 October 2000, immediately following the 21st meeting of the First Committee, in the morning, in Conference Room 4.

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There will be meetings of Legal Advisers on Monday and Tuesday, 23 and 24 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 24 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10:30 a.m.	closed meeting	Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The 22nd meeting of the First Committee will take place on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee will hold its 15th meeting on Thursday, 26 October 2000 at 3 p.m. and will begin consideration of agenda item 84 (United Na-

(agenda items 85, 86 and 87) are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat in Conference Room S-2827 (2121 963-[illegible]), as soon as

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing on globalization and appropriate governance under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Wednesday, 25 October 2000 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The briefing will be given by Professor J. Bhagwati of Columbia University. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations and press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), beginning on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, as follows:

On Tuesday, 24 October, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on extra-judicial, summary or arbitrary executions).

On Wednesday, 25 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance); Mr. Arjun K. Sengupta (Independent expert on the right to development); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq).

On Thursday, 26 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia); Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 30 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel. (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. I. Bawar (tel. (212) 963-2320 or 5-5973; fax (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

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MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "E-Commerce and Sustainable Development", organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs and their Mandates: Mainstreaming Their Work at the General Assembly" on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the panel will be Mr. Nigel S. Rodley, Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on extrajudicial, summary or

staff and the representatives of non-governmental organiza-

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, organized by the World Bank, on Thursday, 26 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The speaker will be Mr. Mats Karlsson, World Bank Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Reducing the Impact of Environmental Emergencies Through Early Warning and Preparedness - The Case of El Niño Southern Oscillation", organized by the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the United Nations University, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Strategy for Natural Disaster Reduction and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office (tel. (212) 963-6387) or the UNEP Office (tel. (212) 963-8094).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

further information, please contact Ms. Maud Gruber (tel.

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Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

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Workshop

The United Nations University and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing a workshop on "COP6 and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations" as part of their annual series on *Sustainable Development in Practice*. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 20 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

38th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: draft resolution (A/55/L.8) [170]

The representative of Italy made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Croatia, Mexico, Sweden, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Monaco, Denmark, Lithuania, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Austria, the United Kingdom and Armenia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/6 of 17 October 1989, the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.8 (resolution 55/31).

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 170.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons [181]

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) made a statement.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, Canada, Brazil, India and Argentina.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 37th plenary meeting, the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons made a statement.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by

Tenth emergency special session

14th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 14th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/206).

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The representative of the Congo made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.11.

The representative of Norway introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.44.

The representative of Canada made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.44.

The representative of Australia made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.44.

The representative of Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR as well as Bolivia and Chile) made a general statement pertaining to agenda item 73.

The representative of Slovakia made a statement pertaining to agenda item 77.

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.50.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.50.

The representative of the Australia made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.50.

The representative of Lesotho introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.14.

The representative of Iraq made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.16.

The representative of Colombia on behalf of Rio Group made a statement pertaining to agenda item 71(k).

The representative of Swaziland made a general statement pertaining to agenda item 71.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.36.

The representative of South Africa made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.44.

20th meeting

Note: The summary of the 20th meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/206).

SECOND COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [94 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(b) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

(c) *Water supply and sanitation*

(d) *Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

(e) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa*

(f) *Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Israel, Ethiopia, Trinidad and Tobago, Belarus, Fiji, Zimbabwe, the Federated States of Micronesia, [illegible]

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Bank.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [98]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7

The representative of Egypt introduce the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. Qatar and Yemen subsequently joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

20th meeting

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-items 95 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) heard statements by the representatives of the Maldives, Myanmar, Samoa (on behalf of AOSIS countries), Japan, Barbados (on behalf of CARICOM countries), Tunisia, Hungary and Argentina.

The representative of the Global Environment Facility made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-items 95 (b) to (f).

Deadline

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 94 and sub-items (a) to (e) and item 95 and sub-items (a) to (f) was Monday, 23 October, at 6 p.m.

Programme planning [118]

The Committee considered the item.

Delegations wishing to do so were invited to submit written comments on the medium-term plan to the Secretary by 25 October for transmission to the Fifth Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion of agenda 118.

THIRD COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the United Arab Emirates, Israel, New Zealand, Iceland, Cuba, Venezuela, Pakistan, Angola, the Congo, Be-

A statement was made by the observer for Switzerland.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The observer for the European Community made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Population Fund.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

The deadline for submission of the draft resolution entitled "The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination" to be submitted under item 113, was extended to 6 p.m., Wednesday, 25 October.

30th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.17

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, the Gambia, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, Thailand, Ukraine and Viet Nam, introduced the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [107]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.14

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada orally revised the text and announced that Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Burkina Faso, Bolivia, Cambodia, Croatia, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Liberia, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Namibia, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Swaziland, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America and Venezuela had joined as co-sponsors.

Subsequently, the Congo, Latvia, Malawi, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, the Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain and the Sudan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee continued its general discussion of items 112 and 113.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait, Chile, India, Brazil, Turkey, Mexico, Haiti, Iraq, Eritrea and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Executive Coordinator for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Special Rapporteur on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of items 112 and 113.

Right of reply

The representatives of Ethiopia and Eritrea made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

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Establishment of the International Criminal Court [162]

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Mongolia, Uganda, Thailand, Egypt, Bangladesh, the Sudan, Pakistan, New Zealand (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Liechtenstein, Ukraine and Bolivia.

The representative of Uganda spoke in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 162.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovakia, Italy, Romania, Egypt, Guinea, Iraq, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Yemen, the Syrian Arab Republic, Germany, Chile, the United Arab Emirates and Greece.

The observers of Switzerland and the International Committee of the Red Cross made statements. The representative of the World Food Programme also spoke.

The Chairman also spoke.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 155.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

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1876th and 1877th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee considered the fourth periodic reports of Denmark (CCPR/C/DNK/99/4).

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Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 46th meeting of the ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (see *Journal* No. 2000/204, p. 10): under *E/2000/L.35*, the second paragraph should read as follows:

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, Japan, the Russian Federation and Mexico.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special gathering

The first gathering of United Nations Messengers of Peace and Goodwil Ambassadors will be held on Monday, 23 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. There will be a town-hall meeting on "The Role of Celebrity Advocacy in an Age of Cynicism", moderated by Riz Khan (CNN International). The programme will be broadcast live on in-house television and will be also webcast live on the United Nations Web site.

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Closure of the Delegates' Lounge

The Delegates' Lounge will be closed until 1.30 p.m. on Monday, 23 October 2000, due to the event that will be taking place in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Viennese Café will be open in the first basement for regular service.

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Award ceremony

The Fourth Annual Race Against Poverty Awards ceremony, under the theme "Breaking the silence on HIV/AIDS", will take place on Monday, 23 October 2000, at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Mr. Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Secretary-General will award four activists for their action against HIV/AIDS. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Zakaria Fellah (tel.: (212) 906-5382).

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Special events

The Dag Hammarskjold Library will host an Open House and Information Fair for delegates and staff of the permanent missions and the Secretariat on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, United Nations Day 2000, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will be demonstrations of the Library's newest product, UNBISnet, an Internet accessible database containing the index to all United Nations documentation issued since 1979. In addition, there will be demonstrations of other electronic resources, such as UN-I-QUE, Lexis-Nexis, the EIU databases, Oxford Analytica, NewsEdge.

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a special event in connection with the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Major participants in this event will be human rights leaders from the United States of America, Goodwill Ambassadors for the World Conference and Mr. Saikou Diallo. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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